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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PO

SUBJ: TRANSFER TO NAVY OF HOST RESPONSIBILITY

AT LAJES

1. EVENING PAPER REPUBLICA TELEPHONED EMBASSY SEPT. 14
ASKING FOR CONFIRMATION OF REPORT FROM AZORES THAT
COMUSFORAZ GENERAL COMSTOCK HAD ANNOUNCED THAT USN WILL
RUN LAJES AFTER JULY 1974. EMBASSY RESPONDED ALONG FOL-
LOWING LINES: QUOTE IT WAS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT
THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CONDUCTING A SURVEY
OF ITS BASES WORLD-WIDE IN LIGHT OF ITS PRESENT DEFENSE
REQUIREMENTS. A JOINT AIR FORCE/NAVY TEAM IS PRESENTLY
AT LAJES IN THE AZORES CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF THAT BASE
AND ITS FACILITIES. UNQUOTE

2. JOURNALIST SAID HE WOULD HOLD STORY UNTIL IT
CONFIRMED.

3. GIVEN OUR DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE TO GOP USN'S ASW
ACTIVITIES OUT OF LAJES, IT IS CLEARLY IN US INTEREST
TO MAKE FULL AND FRANK ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGE OF HOST
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO
EASON FOR WITHHOLDING ANNOUNCEMENT. WE ARE CONCERNED
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THAT HESITATION IN ANNOUNCING DECISION, WHICH OBVIOUSLY

ALREADY LEAKING, MAY RESULT IN DISTORTION WITH POSSIBLY
UNWELCOME RESULTS.

4. REQUEST WE BE INFORMED SOONEST WHEN AND HOW ANNOUNCE-
MENT IS TO BE MADE.
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